



**Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2018  
Room 326, City/County Building  
12:00 p.m.**

**Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.**

**1. Call to Order and Attendance**

Curt Chisholm called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members present: Curt Chisholm (Chair), Gary Mihelish, Gene Prendergast, John Wilkinson, Kiley Gage, Kim Leighton, Marshall Gingery, Mike Mahoney, Moffie Funk, Teresa Charlton, Theresa Ortega, and Tom Cordingley.

Members excused: Judy Rolfe, Abigail J. St. Lawrence, Jonathan Jackson, and Ruthie Hill.

Members absent: Dennis Taylor.

Others in attendance: Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, Robyn Morrison, Carolyn Belling, John Lytle, Roger Baltz, Kellie McBride, and Gloria Soja.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the June 29 and July 27, 2018 meetings were approved as presented. The minutes from August 31, 2018, were amended to show John Wilkinson as excused, and approved as amended.

**3. NEW Agenda Item: Jail Standards**

Curt Chisholm informed the group that the jail standards required revision prior to being approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The architect firm showed the county that if the MACo standards were adopted, the facility would only have 131 beds. For this reason, the request was made to revise the standards to include the American Correctional Association (ACA) jail standards, which would allow for more cells. This would be the only revision made to the standards previously approved for submission by the CAC.

Roger Baltz expressed that the ACA standards were the standards used during the education campaign for the jail levy. Kellie McBride clarified that Sheriff Leo Dutton supported this change.

The Council then discussed the cover page phrasing which included the phrase "The Office of the Sheriff, Lewis and Clark County, Montana holds these Jail Standards as aspirational, voluntary standards that we strive to attain and uphold." Council members expressed much concern about this statement and wanted to ensure that adopting these jail standards would meet the commitments made to the public.

A motion was made by John Wilkinson and seconded by Gary Mihelish, to accept the change in cell size to the ACA standard and to approve submitting the revised standards to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption.

The Council continued to discuss the cover page statement, liability concerns, and reasons for wanting the standards to be formally adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. Mike Mahoney suggested that the CAC encourage the County to pursue ACA accreditation once the standards have been adopted.

Gary Mihelish called for vote on the motion. Vote 12 in favor, 1 opposed, and no abstentions. Motion carried.

**4. Remainder of Agenda Tabled**

A motion was made by Teresa Charlton and seconded by Gary Mihelish to table the remainder of the agenda. Motion carried.

**5. Public Comment**

No public comment received.

**6. Next Meeting:      October 26, 2018**

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_.